

4-H E-mail Announcements for September 15, 2009

***** Club Officer Training *****

Club Officer Training will take place on Tuesday, December 1st, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Dinner will be provided. The following breakout sessions will follow a short general session: (1) Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Sgts.-at-Arms; (2) Secretaries/Clerks; (3) Treasurers and their adult helpers; (4) Historians and Reporters.

*****Nominate A Volunteer of the Month*****

Each month 4-H'ers are encouraged to nominate as a volunteer of the month that special person you can always count on to get a job done. This is an opportunity to recognize outstanding contribution and dedication to 4-H Youth Development. 4-H could not happen if it were not for the efforts of our many volunteers, so let's give credit where credit is due!

To nominate someone to receive the 4-H Volunteer of the Month Award, Complete the 4-H Volunteer of the Month Nomination Form (online at <http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/Clubs.htm>, click on "Forms" and scroll down to "County Awards Forms") and send it (along with the nominee's picture) to Macomb MSU Extension, Attn: 4-H, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036

***** 4-H Livestock Sale Committee Meeting & Check Distribution *****

The 4-H Livestock Sale Committee Meeting will be held on September 28, 2009. Checks and photos will be distributed at this 7 p.m. meeting at Armada High School cafeteria. All youth must submit a complete and appropriate thank you (card/letter) for each buyer in order to receive their check/photo.

***** Leader Update Thursday, September 24*****

The Leader update will be held on Thursday September 24 at 6:15 p.m. Each club is expected to send a representative to this meeting. Dinner will be served and a club resource binder will be provided. RSVP by Monday September 21, by calling 586. 469-6431.

*****Club Enrollment Meetings*****

It's time to re-enroll your 4-H club for the 2009-10 program year! Contact the MSU Extension 4-H to reserve a time during one of the following enrollment meetings to go over the completed registration materials with a 4-H staff member: October 14-Wolcott Farm, 5-7 pm; October 22-Armada High School Cafeteria, 4-8 p.m.; October 26-Camp Rotary, 4-6:30 p.m.; and November 2-MSU Extension - 9a.m.-5 p.m. If the meeting dates, times or locations are not convenient for you, call the 4-H office at 586-469-6431 to make other arrangements.

***** 4-H Youth Conservation Council *****

M4-HYCC is a powerful personal development, service learning and leadership opportunity for teens ages 13 to 19. The council researches and helps resolve environmental issues by working with state and local government. M4-HYCC advisors and teens attend a fall, winter and spring planning workshop/meeting with the teens, meet occasionally by conference call and help prepare the youth for their presentation to Michigan legislative committees in April. More information - including a promo flier, invitation letter, advisor job description and application - can be found at <<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/m4hycc.html>>. Applications must be submitted to the local MSU Extension Office by October 2, 2009. Call Mary Gerstenberger at 586-469-6085 for more information.

*****Fall Water Color Cruise*****

MSU Extension's (MSUE) Natural Resources Programs announces a Fall Water Color Cruise, Saturday, October 17, 2009. This cruise will offer nature lovers and artists the opportunity to learn about our local water resources while capturing the beauty of the Clinton River from a new vantage point. Boarding begins at 9:00am. The boat will depart at 9:30 a.m. from the Clinton River Cruise Company located at 152 N. River Road in Mt. Clemens and return to dock at 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$12 for youth ages 9 to 17. Please, no children under 9. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. A minimum of 30 participants is required for the

cruise to take place. Registration deadline is October 10. For more information or a registration form please call 586-469-6430.

*****Master Composter Course *****

MSU Extension (MSUE) is offering a six-week Master Composter course on Mondays, October 5 through November 9, 2009, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Classes will be held at the VerKuijen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township. The course is \$45, which includes 15 hours of instruction by MSU staff and local compost professionals and the Master Composter resource notebook. Fifteen hours of volunteer service are required to receive certification as a Master Composter. For more information or to request a registration form, call MSUE Natural Resources Department at 586-469-6430. Registration deadline is September 30th.

The Master Composter course covers:

- Bin and site selection
- Composting basics
- Composting systems
- Equipment
- Michigan legislation and local ordinances
- Volunteer opportunities
- Worm composting
- Yard waste reduction

*****People Pets and Vets!*****

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in the 6th annual PP&V. This is a joint project sponsored by the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association and Macomb Community College Veterinary Technician Program. We need you to help make it a success...it just won't be the same without YOU! If your club is interested in having a table at the event, please contact Tari Kern at kern@catsvet.com

The important details:

EVENT: People, Pets & Vets

DATE: Saturday, November 7, 2009

TIME: 11am - 3pm

LOCATION: Macomb Community College, M-59/Garfield campus

WHY: FREE educational, interactive and fun event for the whole family to learn about veterinary and animal care from a variety of resources!

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

Workshop 704

November 13-14, 2009 - Kettunen Center

Gain new ideas and information about the 4-H rabbit and cavy project areas. You'll choose from a variety of learning opportunities including management, health, nutrition, breeding, animal evaluation, crafts, games, showmanship and fun activities. The workshop will give you the chance to exchange ideas, make new friends and explore new areas with others who are just as excited about rabbits and cavy as you are! You'll be encouraged to develop plans for sharing your workshop experiences in your county. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up. Call 586-469-6431 for more information.

***** 4-H Day at Breslin Center *****

A date has been confirmed for the fifth annual MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Day at the Breslin Center:

* Date: Saturday, January 9, 2010

* Time: 2 p.m.

* Location: MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

This is a Big Ten game which will be televised by CBS! Admission will once again be free for MSU Extension, 4-H members, volunteers, families and staff. The Lady Spartans are looking forward to having us there to cheer them on to victory over Ohio State. More information will be announced in future e-mails.

***Apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award

The search is on to find our top youth volunteer. If you are selected, you could receive \$1000, a silver medallion and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>, click on the "How to Apply" link, and follow the onscreen instructions. When asked for the access key, type the word **spirit**. Print out of the completed applications need to be turned into our 4-H office no later than November 2, 2009. Any further questions, please contact Karen Hakim at (586) 469-6431.

*** NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Training ***

The Michigan Credit Union League and Michigan State University Extension invite you to attend a free training on personal finance education. The training will be held at the Macomb County Intermediate School District on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants will receive tools to educate students in the fundamentals of sound money management and the basic concepts of financial planning and personal responsibility. This training is for high school and middle school teachers, credit union volunteers, after-school professionals and other human service organizations. SB-CEUs will be available for teachers.

High School Financial Planning Program is a seven-unit newly revised program that provides teens with a greater understanding of and ability to manage their personal finances in the areas of goal setting, budgeting, and saving. The program - offered free of charge from the National Endowment for Financial Education - uses unique games, simulations, case studies, and interactive exercises to provide hands-on experience for students to test and apply the financial principles and concepts being taught. The new 2007 version includes easy to use teacher lesson plans and an interactive web presence for teachers, parents, and students.

Register by October 15, 2009. For more information, contact Marianne Srock at msrock@misd.net or 586-228-3482.

Southeast Region Leadership Academy

Want to brush up on your leadership skills? Then the Leadership Academy is the place for you! At the Academy you will learn the tools to develop those skills, leading to a more active, successful and motivated group. The Academy is open to all teen leader and adult volunteers and is being held on October 3-4, 2009 at the Baha'i Center, 3208 South State Road, Davison, on M-15, just south of I-69. The cost is only \$40 thanks to the balance of the costs being picked up by a participation fee grant. The cost includes all sessions, educational materials, meals and overnight lodging. Check-in is Saturday @ 9:30am and ends Sunday at 1:00pm. **The registration deadline is September 28, 2009 and coming fast so call the MSUE office today at 586.469.6431 to reserve your spot!**

Horse Program Committee Meeting

It's time once again to being the Horse Program Committee meetings. The 1st meeting is September 28th at Camp Rotary at 7:00pm. The mini/draft sub-committee will be meeting at 6:00pm, prior to the whole committee. Please make sure that each club is represented at these meetings.

*** Lost Camera ***

A Kodak Easy Share digital camera was lost at the Armada Fairgrounds during Sunday judging. The camera has a black case. If you found a camera matching this description at the Armada Fair, please call Cathy Vestrand at 586-752-2262.



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